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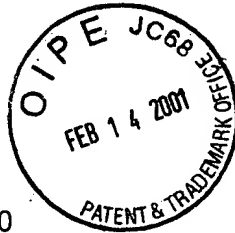
In re Application of:

John M. Eby et al.

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For: SURFACE COVERINGS HAVING
A NATURAL APPEARANCE AND
METHODS TO MAKE A SURFACE
COVERINGS HAVING A NATURAL
APPEARANCE



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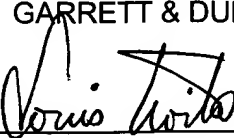
Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace the informal drawings with the three (3) sheets of formal drawings filed herewith (Figures 1-3). If the formal drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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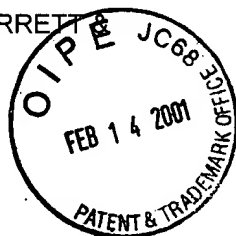
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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

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Mannington Mills, Inc.'s U.S. Patent No. 6,114,008
Our Reference: 03063.0643-00000

Dear :

We have examined the physical sample and documentation provided to us with your letter dated January 9, 2001.

You have marked all of the documents as "confidential." Because we are obligated to provide these documents to the United States Patent & Trademark Office for consideration in related applications, we request your written permission for this limited purpose.

We would appreciate your response by close of business on Monday, February 5, 2001.

Sincerely,

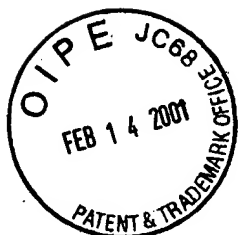
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RE: Mannington Mills, Inc.'s U.S. Patent No. 6,114,008
Your Ref: 03063-0643-00000

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

This is in response to your letter of January 29, 2001 concerning the above identified matter.

We decline your request for permission to provide to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the documents we provided to you under cover of our letter dated January 9, 2001.

Very truly yours,

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